

Anderson, IN - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence announced today that the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program will be accepting applications from August 15, 2011 until September 9, 2011:

"Indiana is indebted to our emergency first responders," said Pence. "They run in when others run out, and we are forever grateful for the sacrifices that they make every day."

"For those who bravely answer the call of duty we must always make sure they have the resources necessary to protect us and keep themselves safe."

Contact Kim Bennett, Congressman Pence's Deputy District Director at (765) 747-5566 for more information and assistance.

Background from Department of Homeland Security:

The application period is scheduled to begin on August 15, 2011 at 8:00 AM EST and all applications must be received by September 9, 2011 at 5:00 PM EST.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants supports the following essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job: Firefighting and EMS equipment; Personal protective equipment; Fire and EMS vehicles; Training programs; Wellness and Fitness programs; and modifications to facilities.

Award recipients are required to register in the Central Contractor Registration System. Potential grantees may wish to register in case they receive an award.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants> .

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